

Signs of Elder Abuse

Elder abuse can include neglect, physical, emotional, financial, or sexual abuse. It is up to all of us to prevent and report suspected abuse. **Here are some signs of elder abuse that everyone should know.**



Emotional & Behavioral Signs

- Unusual changes in behavior or sleep
- Fear or anxiety
- Isolation from friends and family
- Withdrawal from normal activities
- Sadness



Physical Signs

- Broken bones, bruises, and welts
- Cuts, sores, or burns
- Torn, stained, or bloody underclothing
- Sexually transmitted diseases without clear explanation
- Dirtiness, poor nutrition, or dehydration
- Unusual weight loss or dehydration
- Missing daily living aids (glasses, walker, and medications)



Financial Signs

- Unusual changes in a bank account or money management services
- Unusual or quick changes in a will or other financial documents
- Fake signatures on financial documents
- Unpaid bills

Reporting Abuse

Programs such as Adult Protective Services (APS) and the Long-Term Care Ombudsmen are here to help. To find contact information for local reporting entities, contact the Eldercare Locator at **1-800-677-1116** (eldercare.acl.gov).

Talk with a trusted professional to help make a report or access more information:

*In cases of urgent danger, **call 911** or the local police or sheriff.*



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